

PHOENIX RISING

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FAST FACTS ABOUT PHOENIX RISING



The magical sport made popular in the *Harry Potter* novels will be played in fierce competition during the **Riverside Quidditch Classic**, a double-elimination tournament to be held in Woldenberg Park on the Mississippi River. Professional teams, complete with jerseys and sponsors, will compete for the prestigious Quidditch Cup. No, there won't be flying on broomsticks (we've adapted game play so as not to frighten the Muggles).



When it comes to exploring the magical world of *Harry Potter*, geography is no obstacle. Phoenix Rising expects more than 1,000 *Potter* enthusiasts and scholars **from across the globe** – we already have registered attendees from as far away as **Russia, the United Kingdom, Canada, France** and **Japan!**



Attendees are invited to **create a costume** of their choosing — Is she Spring? Is he a Satyr? Is she Death? — and don a mask to conceal his or her identity for Phoenix Rising's **Masquerade Ball**. Attendees are encouraged to begin working on their costumes immediately, so as to achieve a suitable level of mystery and intrigue.



Phoenix Rising seeks to go beyond typical academic and fan conferences through unique participatory and exploratory elements – that's why we're encouraging attendees to explore the **historic French Quarter** and surrounding areas through several special events, in places like the Musee Conti Wax Museum, the Aquarium of the Americas, and the historic Fairmont Hotel.



In addition to the talented authors, artists and scholars who will present their work at Phoenix Rising, there are amazing amateur writers and artists among Phoenix Rising's attendees. We've invited them to be a part of the **Paintbrush and Quill Society**, in which fanfiction writers and fanartists will collaborate to produce an illustrated work of fiction for display at the conference. We've also devoted Saturday evening to Artists and Authors night, which will further showcase amateur and professional writers and artists.



Academics and fans are already **submitting proposals** to present their favorite theory or analysis of Harry Potter and related media through our online submissions system at www.thephoenixrises.org. It could be a workshop on making "potions" or a panel on feminism in the Potter films – we anticipate a diverse offering!



Phoenix Rising is the first presentation by **Narrate Conferences, Inc.**, a Denver, Colo.,-based non-profit that seeks to create unique events for scholars and readers. Started by a dynamic group of young professionals, Narrate Conferences is an **all-volunteer collaboration** of talented people from across the country.



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